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# BEE GEE NEWS

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## Fraternity System Sharply Criticized

Faculty Committee at Rollins  
College Lists the Evils It  
Regards as Characteristic.

One side of the much-discussed question of whether fraternities are a menace or an asset in college life has just had a careful restatement at the hands of a faculty committee of Rollins College, a committee that believes they are an evil influence and should be abolish.

The bill of charges was drawn up at the invitation of President Hamilton Holt. It amounts to a bearding of a group of lions in an otherwise hospitable den, for Dr. Holt has been a friend of fraternities. Rollins under his leadership has fostered them with an offer to deed land to national groups wishing to install local chapters. The lone national fraternity on the campus when he became president in 1925 now has seven companions, and the number of local chapters has also grown.

The List of "Charges".

1. That the system is undemocratic and therefore out of harmony with what American college life should be, and with Rollins in particular.

2. That the system subordinates individuality to the group and produces types, not personalities.

3. That the rushing season emphasizes the undemocratic nature of the system, disorganizes college work and mentally and physically unfits the student for serious application to more important duties.

4. That fraternity secrecy and symbolism results in immature attitudes at variance with modern educational standards.

5. That the menace of undesirable leaders is increased by reason of the peculiar form of fraternity organization.

6. That the fraternity sets up a divided loyalty which is highly detrimental to the college and may be to the student.

7. That the consequences of withdrawal are so serious as to amount to a practical barrier against it.

8. That the playing of college politics by the fraternities in their own clannish interests is an evil that will grow with the growth of fraternity groups.

9. That the fraternity system is expensive and results either in the exclusion of poor but deserving students or in an unfair form of subsidy by the college, as well as in large amounts of money going into national organization treasuries.

10. That permitting the fraternities to acquire a property interest on the campus would be another form of subsidy to the

## VARIETY IN INTERIOR SOUGHT IN A SCHOOL

New Ethical Culture Structure  
Stresses Attractiveness as  
Well as Efficiency.

A touch of variety in room design is to spice the life of pupils at the new Fieldston Lower School, a unit of the Ethical Culture Schools at Riverdale, which is now under construction. Instead of having rooms of a few standard patterns, the plan has been to avoid as far as possible duplication in the shape and arrangement—a complete reversal of the policy which has brought into vogue the factory type of school building. Large bay windows of glass and metal have been introduced on the south end and on the west side, to give an interesting variety to the interior of some of the rooms.

The building has been designed to include the accepted new educational features of modern schools. Besides having large rooms with good ventilation and plenty of sunshine, it has been built with the grade rooms arranged in units of three, thus enabling two classes to share between them a well-equipped workroom. In the kindergarten and primary grades this provides for most of the special activities, and in the upper grades for pupils to follow their individual bents in unassigned periods.

This planning is similar to an arrangement that has proved successful in the Fieldston High School buildings, where a small room between every two classrooms has been found invaluable for group or individual conferences.

Spacious rooms are provided for music, science laboratory and studio for the fine arts and shops, and there are laboratory facilities for the household and industrial arts as well.

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### At The Last

When at the last my feet are set  
In shadowy paths withdrawn,  
Shall I forget—can I forget—  
The ways that I have gone?

And they who faded from my path—  
They valiant as the dawn—  
Who left me bare to face the wrath  
Of armed days charging on.

They sought the covert and the shade,  
Too dense for mortal gaze;  
A still and starry place they made  
Far from our echoing days.

And shall I, too, go undismayed,  
Absolved from blame and praise,  
To find that hushed and hidden glade,  
The unreturning ways?

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## Experts in Recreation

As the five-day week and six-hour day loom ever closer as practical possibilities, a new professional person, the community recreation expert, steps also rapidly to the front of the stage. In the new economy, his function of teaching the people to play may be almost as essential as that of the school teacher in training for the sterner tasks of citizenship and breadwinning. Already in Milwaukee, Wis., hundreds of adults throng the social centres in school buildings, which are open from 3 in the afternoon till 11 at night, and even, in some cases, in the early morning hours to accommodate milkmen and night-duty policemen who want to take a turn at swimming or billiards.

To train leaders to administer such vast and versatile programs of municipal recreation—from dramatic and debating clubs to boxing instruction—a unique school is being conducted in the Heckscher Foundation Building in New York by the National Recreation Association where thirty-three young men and women, college graduates from all parts of the country, are just completing their year's course.

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## Teachers Find They Have Leisure Time

"Some are born 'with plenty of leisure time'; some achieve 'plenty of leisure time'; and some have it thrust upon them." Many would-be school teachers are in the last category.

School men in all parts of the country are trying to do their bit in alleviating the depression by putting several grades under one instructor or eliminating the special teachers of music, arts, and drawing.

It is quite logical to believe that the progress of the nation will be retarded if its youth is held back because of insufficient education. "The school is not the place," says Edward Cullom, assistant editor of the Pathfinder, "to start our economic regeneration. It, at all costs, must not sink below the standard it has reached."—Teachers College News, Charleston, Ill.

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Put your ad in the classified column when short of students! That's what they do in Mexico. Just recently the entire student body at the government's Indian agricultural school at Chapingo went on a strike as a protest against new methods of study and the university immediately advertised for a new student body.

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Gert Bensch—Why do they call the tenth marriage anniversary a tin wedding?

Opal Andrew—Well, the romance is beginning to get rusty.

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## NOTICE TO SUMMER STUDENTS

With this issue, the Bee Gee News makes its summer bow to the students. We humbly acknowledge the fact that we are not self-sustaining (so far as articles are concerned), and herewith ask all who have a flare for writing to drop their contributions in the news box. We will be glad to get them.

Some regulations are necessary. These are imposed for the good of the paper, or for the ease of setting the articles in type:

- (1) All articles must be signed.
- (2) Names will be withheld if the writer so indicates.
- (3) Do not write too fine; leave plenty of margins.
- (4) Begin articles a third of the way down the first page, in order to leave space for instructions to printer, headlines, etc.
- (5) Drop articles in the box below the office window not later than four o'clock of the Thursday preceeding publication.

Can the staff depend on you for a good term of real cooperation?

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## LAPUTA

Light from the star Arcturus will be used to open the Chicago World Fair next year, even if the evening night happens to be cloudy. All that the scientists propse to do is to catch the Arcturus beams on a clear night and imprison them "by absorption in a phosphorescent substance and frozen in liquid air." Thence they can be released at will, and the shade of Lemuel Gulliver, who saw the scientists trying to get sunlight out of cucumbers, will be at peace.

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## SCOTTY SAYS

A thread will tie an honest man better than a rope will a knave.

If ye dinna see the bottom, dinna wade far oot.

A shut mooth catches nae fleas.

He has a slippery grip that has the eel by the tail.

Freends are like fiddle strings, they mauna be screwed too tight.

The best is aye best cheap.

Put yer hand twice tae yer bannet for ance tae yer pooch.

Fate of Children  
In the Depression

Observers in New York Say  
Emergency Health Work Is  
Saving a Bad Situation.

In the midst of the discussions of roads to economic recovery many prominent persons have paused in the last few weeks to ask how the children are faring in the depression. For New York City the reply, based on observations obtained from persons actively dealing with children in large numbers, and especially with public school children, is that the picture, on the surface at least, is still fairly bright. Health is, in the main, holding up—with the aid of strong measures—and it is acting as a buoy to morale.

Not all the facts are on the bright side, however. A word of caution as to the potential seriousness of the situation comes from Commissioner Wynne himself. Malnutrition, despite the efforts to combat it, has, as he said in a recent speech, shown a gain this year. Of the children examined by his department—numbering between 300,000 and 400,000 a year—the proportion afflicted by it rose from a fairly stable average of 13.5 per cent in 1927, 1928 and 1929, to 16.1 per cent in 1930, 17.1 per cent in 1931 and 20.5 per cent in the first quarter of 1932.

"We are, in effect, watching an enormous experiment," says Dr. Wynne. "We cannot predict exactly how continued malnutrition will show itself years later. It may show itself in less resistance to tuberculosis and other diseases. Acute disease, such as scarlet fever, measles, are not affected by depressions. A continuation of the depression for a period of years, with continued malnutrition and attendant handicaps, will probably send up the death rate, or at any rate stop its decrease, which has been impressive in recent years."

A sign that morale has suffered at least a partial setback comes from George H. Chatfield, director of attendance in the city schools.

"For several years commitments to the parental school had been decreasing," he says, "but during the past year they increased by 100, or about 40 per cent. How much of the truancy this represents is due to the depression it is difficult to say. Figures are not entirely conclusive."

"We know that some people are running away from responsibility. Take a family that has been getting along in a normal manner. The father loses his job, or he deserts his wife and children. There is a breakdown of family control. The whole morale of the family situation is hurt. There is no respect for property. Children take things. There is no one to make them go to school. There has been a good deal of doubling up of families with resultant wrangling, crowded conditions which are bad for children who need quiet and peace and ordered routine. If times get worse conditions

## Announcements

## CHAPEL

The chapel exercises are made very attractive and instructive. As you look over the list of speakers, it is evident every student and faculty member will be at chapel to enjoy the good ideas these able speakers bring to us.

During the summer of 1932 the following entertainments are scheduled:

## First Summer Term—Chapel

June 14—Supt. F. J. Prout, Sandusky, O.

June 21—Supt. Frank Cody, Detroit.

June 28—Dean Charles W. Hunt, School Education, Western Reserve university.

July 5—Rev. M. S. Rice, Detroit.

July 12—Dean J. B. Edmondson, School of Education, University of Michigan.

## Evening

June 23—Play, Chicago Art Theatre Co.

July 7—Lecture, Chandre Gooneratne.

July 18—Concert, Welsh Imperial Singers.

## Second Summer Term—Chapel

August 2—Judge Florence Allen of Ohio Supreme Court.

## Evening

August 5—Lecture, Dr. Hilton Ira Jones.

August 17—Concert, DeLuxe Artists, Singers.

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## LOOK OVER THE ADS

Keep the copies of The Bee Gee News. They serve as a directory for shopping and recreation.

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## STUDENT CONDUCT

Summer session students are a group of ambitious hard working people, used to being responsible, to the public for their conduct. The college expects every student to regulate their actions as ladies and gentlemen. Mimeograph copies for women students will be distributed Monday. These copies should be studied and kept handy for reference.

will get worse and naturally pupil standards will be affected."

## A Social Worker's View.

Owen R. Lovejoy, secretary of the Children's Aid Society, calls attention to a number of sombre shadows in the picture.

"It is true," he says, "that many mothers who would ordinarily leave their children to our care in order to get work away from home are now at home with their children because outside employment is impossible. On the other hand, applications for temporary boarding care for children are brought to us by people unknown to charitable organizations and often the pitiful condition of these children through a loss of the sense of security unquestionably deteriorates their health."

"In our convalescent homes for boys at Valhalla and for girls at Chappaqua we have been accustomed to receiving children five to ten pounds underweight from malnutrition or convalescing from chronic or

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## New Chicago Plan Hailed as Success

Self-Education by Students Is  
Producing Better Work,  
Dean of College Says.

By C. S. BOUCHER,  
Dean of the College, the University  
of Chicago.

This year's freshman class at the University of Chicago has furnished the "guinea pigs" for an educational experiment that has proved extremely exhilarating to those conducting it and to the "guinea pigs" as well. Indeed the "guinea pigs" have so thrived under the experiment that our original faith in the soundness of the basic principles of the new plan has been converted into a conviction that we are on the right track. We shall begin our second year with many of our fears and reservations eliminated and with enthusiasm strengthened by the satisfaction of having attained a degree of success even greater than we dared hope would be possible.

Our leading "educational statesmen" have been remarking, in fact: "We seem to have demonstrated that young people of college age can be developed from pupils into scholars much more rapidly than has been supposed, if but given the opportunities and responsibilities appropriate and necessary for such development."

### The New Plan.

The distinguishing features of the new plan, announced a year and a half ago, are the following:

1. The Bachelor's degree requirements are stated solely in terms of educational attainments measured by two sets of comprehensive examinations—one set at the junior college level, to test primarily general education, and the other set at the senior college level, to test primarily depth of penetration in a large yet special field of thought selected by the student.

2. The old lock-step, time-serving routine requirements in terms of course credits and grade points have been abandoned.

3. Class attendance is not required but is voluntary on the part of the student.

4. The relationship between student and professor has been completely changed by

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N. B. Quote Milton in my next editorial.

N. B. And Shakespeare.

Monday

Noticed a student who was drowsing quietly in the library rudely awakened by a library assistant inconsiderately rattling a newspaper. I think something should be done about this. Are we not free men? Are we babies to be still under the rule of Petticoats? Down with the — I'll write an editorial.

Tuesday

Wrote an editorial against the library, entitled "To Sleep or Not to Sleep". Started a questionnaire among the leading athletes of the college getting their response to the question "When do you sleep?" Wrote both sides of an argument on the inalienable rights of students. Asked the psychology professor to write an article on the dangers of fatigue. Asked the philosophy professor to write an article on "The Nirvana of Sleep". Came home feeling highly elated with myself.

Wednesday.

Just finished reading the New York Times Book Review—or was it the New Yorker?

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## CHICAGO PLAN

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## Fate of Children

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acute illness. During the past six months, however, it is not at all unusual to have them come from fifteen to twenty-five pounds underweight. These are children usually from 10 to 14 years of age. Many other evidences indicate that they are suffering far more from lack of proper and sufficient food than in ordinary times.

"In order to meet this need we are feeding about 1,600 children daily in our nine centres. Many are too young to be cared for in school, others are physically handicapped still others are sent by the public schools because their own facilities are in some instances inadequate. This latter group is paid for from the emergency fund provided by the school teachers.

## Depression and Delinquency

"Commissioner Mulrooney has recently shown that this depressed situation bears a relation to juvenile delinquency. We are enlarging our thirteen playgrounds and boys' and girls' club facilities in congested neighborhoods, but no one agency can provide sufficient facilities. Every school playground and every vacant lot in the city should be open all Summer for properly supervised recreation.

"Nor would any discussion of the effect of the depression upon children be complete without mention of the increasing number of homeless boys between the ages of 16 and 20. They drift into our city from all parts of the country—homeless, jobless—many of them desperate. We have cared for more than a thousand such boys at our News-boys' Lodging House in the past year. Some of them have come from the Municipal Lodging House, some from the Crime Prevention Bureau and the Travelers Aid Society. For only a few are jobs to be found in the city in these times.

"It would require a confirmed optimist to contend that the present depression has been a blessing to children," he says, turning to the brighter side, "and yet one good result has been to focus attention on child life and its needs. The recent White House conference did much to bring together the various agencies seeking to serve children, and when teachers, parents, social workers, churches, doctors, psychiatrists and penologists once get together and pool their ideas great things may be in store for the children."

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## FRATERNITY SYSTEM

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system and open the way to future difficulties.

11. That mediocrity, rather than excellence in scholarship, is the aim of the fraternity, while the conditions of fraternity living are not conducive to intellectual development.

## Tendency to Snobbishness.

Equally severe is the committee's comment in its declaration that the fraternity system is discriminatory.

"It discriminates," the report says, "against the socially undesirable 'rough diamond.' It discriminates more subtly against the shy, retiring student whose real merit does not appear on the surface but who is, nevertheless, vitally hurt by being excluded. It injects into the college world the petty pretentiousness of a supposedly classless democracy which expresses itself in group antagonisms and group distinctions. It supplants the idealism of youth with the snobbishness and intolerance and false rivalries of immaturity."

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